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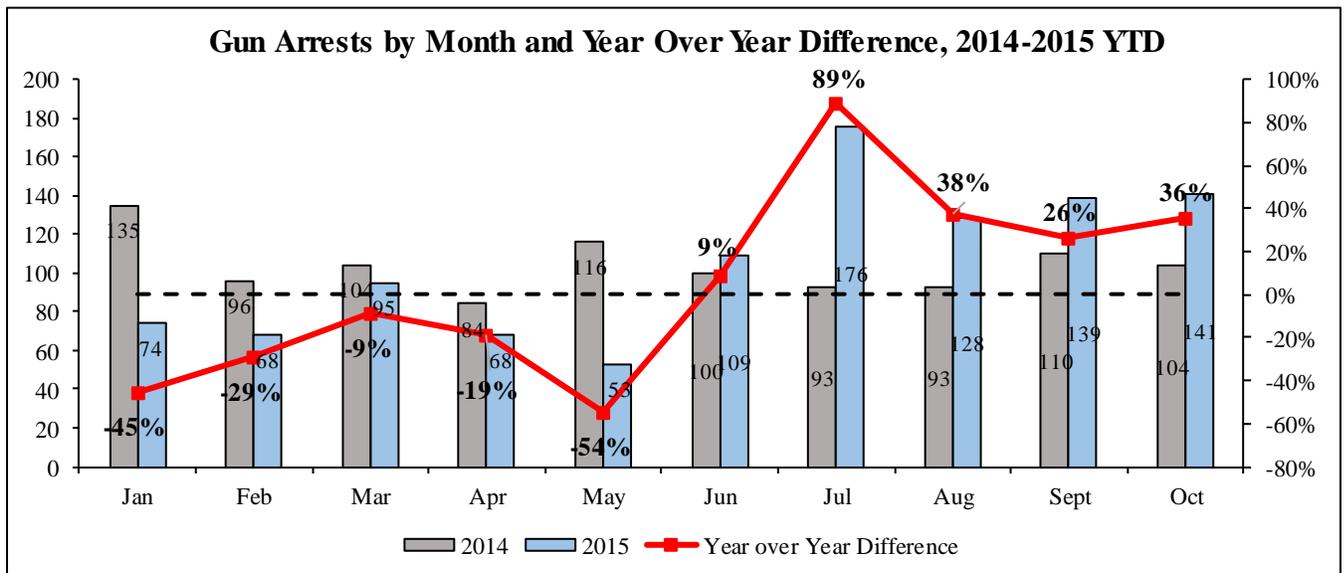
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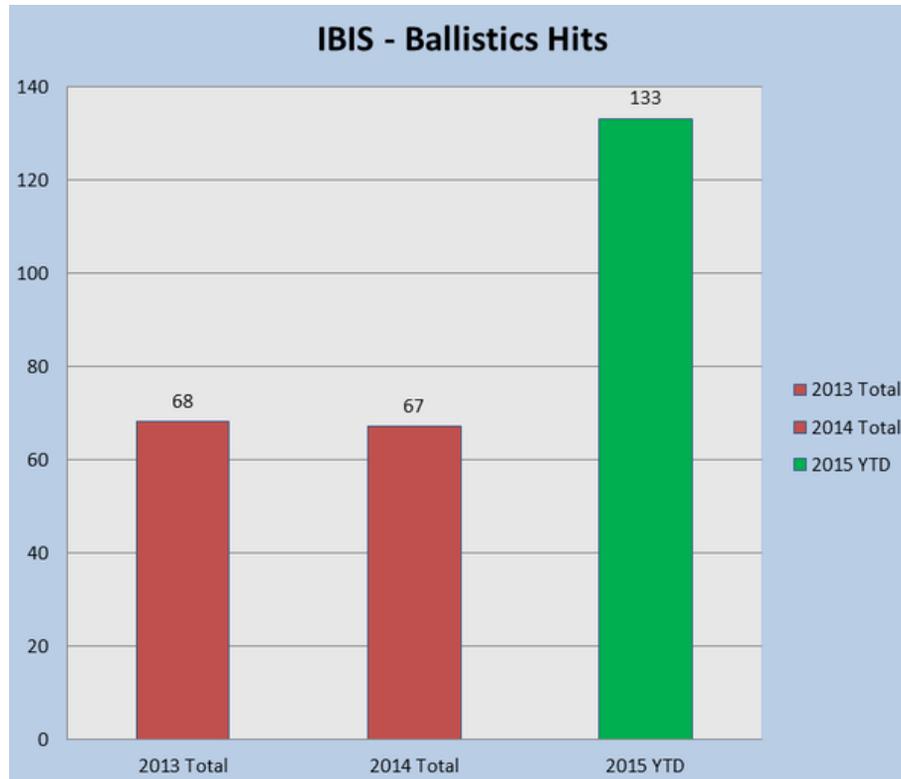


• **Making Progress**

- **Gun Arrests.** To combat increased gun violence, Baltimore City Police have placed an emphasis on gun arrests in recent months. In October, monthly gun arrests increased by 36 percent compared to October 2014, marking the fifth consecutive month of annual increases in gun arrest activity.

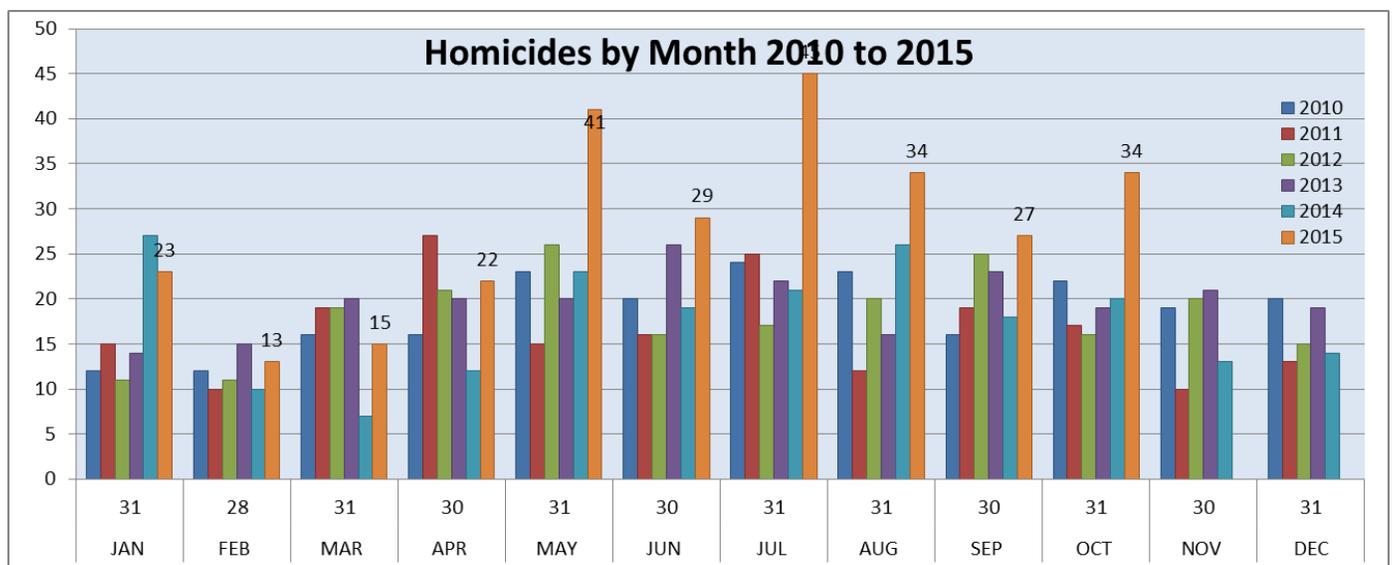
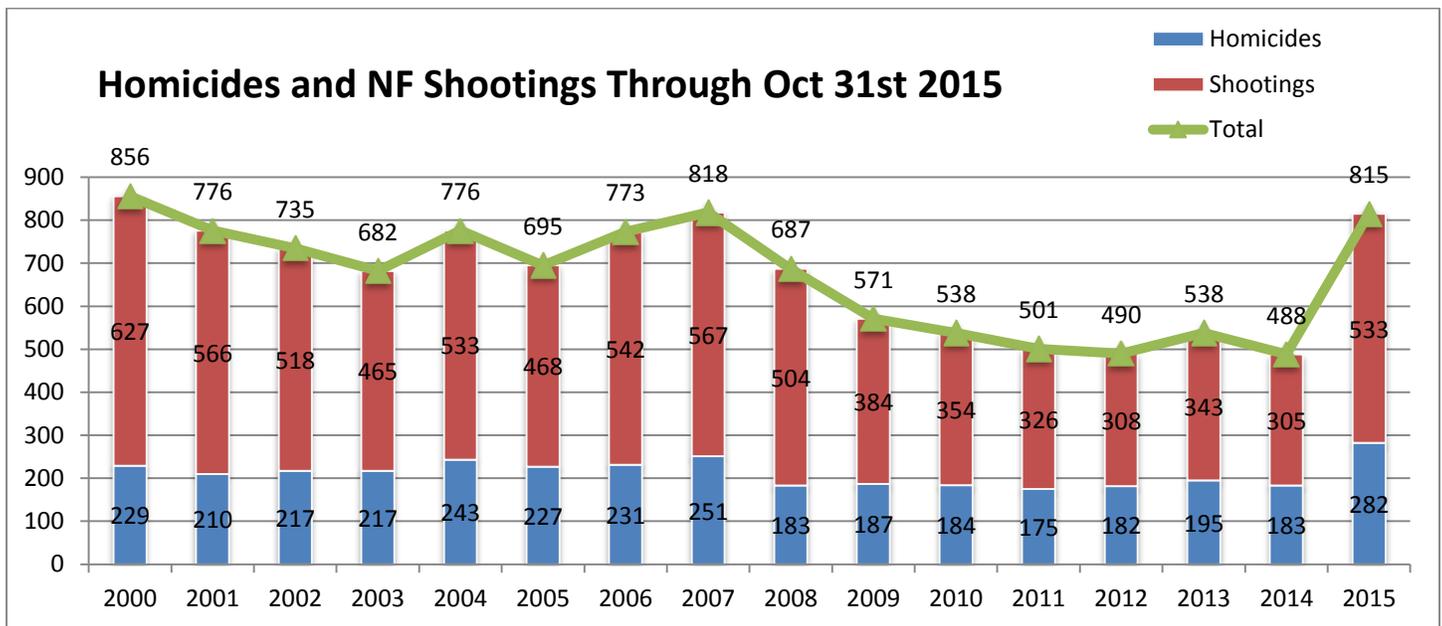


- **IBIS Hits.** IBIS (Integrated Ballistics Identification System) is a system used to match ballistics information from police investigations. IBIS can match ballistics information from current and ongoing investigations and prior investigations, allowing police to match weapons used in prior cases where weapons may not have been recovered at the scene of the crime. Since the implementation of the “War Room,” created to address a spike in City homicides, IBIS hits have increased dramatically. The number of IBIS hits in 2015 to date is nearly double the number of hits recorded in all of 2014.



- **Needs Improvement**

- **Homicides and Shootings.** Homicides and shootings remain at elevated levels in 2015, despite enhanced violence prevention efforts. There were 34 homicides in the month of October.



- **Clearance Rate.** The Department continues to struggle to clear cases as a result of the sustained increase in violence over the past 7 months. A number of efforts are underway to improve clearance rates and address homicide increases, like the “War Room” and the Baltimore Federal Homicide Task Force, which pairs federal agents with members of the City homicide unit. The chart below shows the year to date homicide and shooting clearance rate.

Clearance Rate (10/26/2015)	
Homicide	30.8%
Shooting	25.7%